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Nancrède used the first edition of the *Discours* (Berlin, Georges Jacques Decker, 1784), or the second, which appeared early in 1785 (Paris, Prault et Bailly) "par les soins de Rivarol lui-même," according to M. André Le Breton in *Rivarol, sa vie, ses œuvres, son talent* (Paris, 1895, p. 357). This edition, says M. Le Breton, "présente d'assez grandes différences de texte avec la première." We might then know the exact extent of Nancrède's changes; but his debt to Rivarol would still remain.

A certain piquancy is added to the situation by the fact that among the reading selections there is one from Voltaire entitled *Plagiat*. "Le véritable plagiat," the passage reads, "est de donner pour vôtres les ouvrages d'autrui, de coudre dans vos rapsodies de longs passages d'un bon livre avec quelques petits changements. Mais le lecteur éclairé voyant un morceau de drap d'or sur un habit de bure, reconnaît bientôt le voleur maladroit."

Nancrède may not have been a "voleur maladroit"; that would be far too harsh a term, but he surely knew the gentle art of "quelques petits changements."

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"GO TO HALIFAX"

The scornful invitation to "go to Halifax" seems to have grown out of the unsavory reputation the Nova Scotian city bore in colonial times, a reputation to which the father of Queen Victoria made no little contribution in his younger days. In his *Satire on Halifax, in Nova Scotia*, John Maylem, a graduate of Harvard, writing probably in the second decade after the founding of the city (1749), has the following:

The dregs of Thames and Liffy's sable stream,
Danubian rubbish and the Rhine's my theme,
Of them I sing, the rebel vagrant rout,
Base emigrants that Europe speweth out,
Their country's bane, such traitorous scoundrel crews,
Torn from the gaols, the gallows, and the stews,
From Europe's plains to Nova Scotia's woods,
Transported over the great Atlantic's floods;
In shoals they come, and fugitive invade
The horrid gloom of Halifax's shade.
Oh, Halifax! the worst of God's creation,
Possesst of the worst scoundrels of the nation:
Whores, rogues, and thieves, the dregs and scum of vice,
Bred up in villany, theft, rags, and lice—
Proud upstarts here, tho' starved from whence they came;
Just such a scoundrel pack first peopled Rome;
Send them to hell and then they'll be at home.

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